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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### BACK NUMBERS OF THE JOURNAL

#### I.

Dear Editor: If you have knowledge of anyone desiring back numbers of the JOURNAL, would you please inform them that I have files dating back to 1911, with the exception of a few numbers, perhaps four, which I would give to anyone who would pay the transportation charges.

Hackley School,  
Tarrytown, N. Y.

JOSEPHINE AYER.

#### II.

Dear Editor: I have some complete volumes of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING since the year 1908, in good condition, which I should like to sell. If you have calls for back numbers, I should be glad to supply them at their present value.

390 Wisconsin Avenue,  
Oskosh, Wis.

ANNA M. BODDEN.

### RANK FOR NURSES

Dear Editor: You will forgive me if I seem to criticise, but I do think it's a pity that the interesting letters written by Misses Parsons, Allison, Stimson, Mrs. Greeley and others, which have appeared in the JOURNAL during the past summer on the nursing problems of the Army Nurse Corps—and which we all fully approve and understand, as we have lived them—are not placed before the general public. Many, even nurses, do not read the JOURNAL. Therefore, I think it such a mistake not to have those letters appear in the press of every town and city in this country, especially in those magazines and papers that reach the women and are read by them, such as the *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Woman's Home Companion*, *The American*, *The Outlook*, *The Literary Digest*, etc., also in the medical journals. It is only through the help and coöperation of women that we may hope to change conditions, as Mrs. Greeley so aptly expresses it, "only the lack of support from the War Department because they are all men."

H. C. E.

### NEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MISSION HOSPITALS

#### I.

Dear Editor: We have a number of very urgent needs, particularly in China, the Philippine Islands, and Korea, and within the next few months will probably have some urgent needs also in South America and Mexico. We should like to get hold of at least four nurses to sail for China within the next six or eight weeks. All of these nurses would have to be persons who are not beyond thirty-five years of age, who could learn a language with reasonable ease, and who have sufficient training and executive ability to quickly take charge of the nursing work in a small hospital, be a doctor's assistant in all surgical operations, and gradually build up a small staff of native nurses under her direction.

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